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A year ago, we indulged in a brief review of our progress in the culture of Dahlias. A small initial investment in 1917 has now grown to a point where, although our limited space (little more than an acre) does not permit us to compete in quantities with some of the large Dahlia Farms, we yield to no one in quality. We have been building slowly, not for the present, but the future, without sensational advertising or extravagant claims, bending our greatest efforts to the establishment of a name of good repute, so that all who know of us know us favorably. That our efforts have borne fruit is proved by our fast growing list of new customers and our constantly increasing repeat orders.

We test every year, all worthwhile offerings from all the world, regardless of cost, discarding all that are in any way unsatisfactory, and drop from our list each year, many good old varieties to make room for better ones. The cheapest varieties in our list may be depended on, for although they are old and plentiful, we retain them because we have not found anything better. We offer a list of 100 varieties which we believe to be the finest collection of Dahlias available anywhere regardless of price.

For several years we have specialized in imported stock, for we have found many of them deserving of a place alongside our best American introductions. These worthy importations we are glad to introduce and confidently recommend them to be exactly as described.

As we write these lines at the Holiday season, we extend our most cordial greetings and wishes for a successful garden during the coming year; and offer our sincere thanks for your kind interest and generous patronage. And when your next Dahlia season is at the height of its glory, share your flowers with your friends, and then bring them with you to visit your nearest grower to select a few new ones for the following year. The best time to select is *after you see them grow*. Our gardens are conveniently located "Thirty minutes from Times Square," and we repeat our annual invitation to every one to make a special effort to visit us during the blooming season.

Just take a Brighton Subway to Kings Highway,  
or by auto, drive out Ocean Parkway to Ave. P.

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FRED VON RODECK

1628 East 9th Street

Brooklyn, N. Y.

## PLEASE READ BEFORE ORDERING

*Order Early.* Our gardens are not extensive, occupying about an acre, our stock is choice, and the quantities limited.

*We Never Substitute,* unless directed. We like to receive what we order, and believe our customers want the same treatment. We will promptly refund the money for any order we are unable to fill.

*Guaranty.* We guarantee all stock true to name, and to arrive in growing condition. We will cheerfully replace any that prove otherwise, if notified promptly.

*Shipping.* All orders will be shipped about May 10, unless otherwise requested. Please be sure to write *Name* and *Address Distinctly.*

*Terms.* We prepay *all* delivery charges, and must request payment in full before orders are shipped.

*Classification.* As growers disagree on the type of many varieties of Dahlias, we have preferred to classify all our varieties alphabetically, so that the reader need look in only one place for the desired variety. The type in each case is described as accurately as possible.

*Green Plants.* The difference of opinion as to the value of green plants seems to remain as great as ever. Many dealers swear by green plants, many others swear at them. Several yars ago we came to the conclusion that the sale of green plants was not profitable either for buyer or seller. As we have had no reason to change this opinion in the slightest degree, we offer only tubers, and believe they will give far more satisfaction.

*Full Cultural Directions* enclosed with each order.



## New Imported Varieties

The following varieties are all new to America, and are here described exactly as found in our garden without regard to originators' descriptions. We import 50 to 100 varieties each year, and the following list has been found deserving of a place in any collection.

- ANDREAS HOFER (*Cactus*), Germany Tubers, \$2.00  
A very lovely dahlia of medium size, opening delicate cream which shades to a lovely clear pink as the flower develops, with center remaining creamy yellow. Especially effective for basket decorations.
- BERENGARIA (*Decorative*), Stredwick Sold out.  
We are entirely sold out on this fine variety, orders taken at the New York show having exhausted our entire surplus. We hope to have a sufficient stock available next season.
- CONDOR (*Decorative*), Germany Tubers, \$4.00  
Very attractive medium sized flower, perfectly formed with petals curling to a point. Color, dark blackish red, of a velvety texture unusual among Dahlias.
- COURONNE D'OR (*Decorative*), Holland Tubers, \$2.50  
Although this variety is not new, it is rare in this country, but well worth a trial. The heavy well-formed flowers, of a dark brownish orange color, have an individuality of form and habit that will recommend them to everyone.
- G. BORNEMANN (*Cactus*), Germany Tubers, \$2.00  
A medium sized flower, but of such pure deep blood-red color and perfection of form as to demand a place among the finest cactus we know.
- GLORIA (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$4.00  
Large flowers of uniform velvety crimson freely carried, stoutly erect, well above the foliage. The early frosts treated this variety kindly, and it was still in full bloom after most of the garden was dead.
- JACK HOBBS (*Hybrid Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$5.00  
Although this variety is classed as a *Decorative* by the originator, we find it much nearer to cactus than decorative and therefore class it as a hybrid. This, is one of the finest whites we have seen; in our gardens last year it far surpassed any other, although we were growing several generally known and justly popular whites of American origin. The color is generally pure white, but occasionally shows a faint creamy shade in the center.
- MABEL LAWRENCE (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$7.50  
We are happy to offer in this variety the largest and one of the finest varieties ever imported. The flowers in size are about the equal of *Elite Glory*, but the color is a deeper, richer blood-red, and the form, as shown in the accompanying illustration, is always perfect. Although we have had one or two plants broken off at the base by wind storms, there has never been a single flower whose stem failed to hold it stiffly erect at all times.

MRS. ALFRED HUGHES (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$2.00  
A pure white cactus dahlia which we consider an improvement on the older and very popular variety, Silverhill Park, from the same originator.

NAGELS ROEM (*Cactus*), Nagels Tubers, \$4.00  
Although this was generally acclaimed as the most beautiful Dahlia ever imported, we were totally unable to supply the demand last year, our stock being very small, and having kept poorly. We secured a large additional stock this year, and hope to be able to fill all orders. While on the bush, it is a lovely shade of shrimp pink, delicately overlaid on a yellow ground. It reaches its greatest perfection, however, several hours after cutting, the flowers expanding in water, and the color changing; the pink becomes much deeper toward the tips of the petals, leaving the center a beautiful clear yellow. Stems, foliage, and keeping qualities are all that can be desired. This is one of the few Dahlias which mark a distinct step nearer perfection.

PRINCESS LOUISE (*Hybrid Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$4.00  
Another lovely flower, classed as a decorative in England, but which we consider a hybrid cactus. Color, a lovely shade of pink, good size, and carried stiffly erect on the top of good stems.

RING OUZEL (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$5.00  
A distinct addition to the cactus group, being one of the few we have found having a thoroughly satisfactory stem. They are always held stiffly erect as the best decorative type. Large flowers of an unusual shade of clear bright maroon.

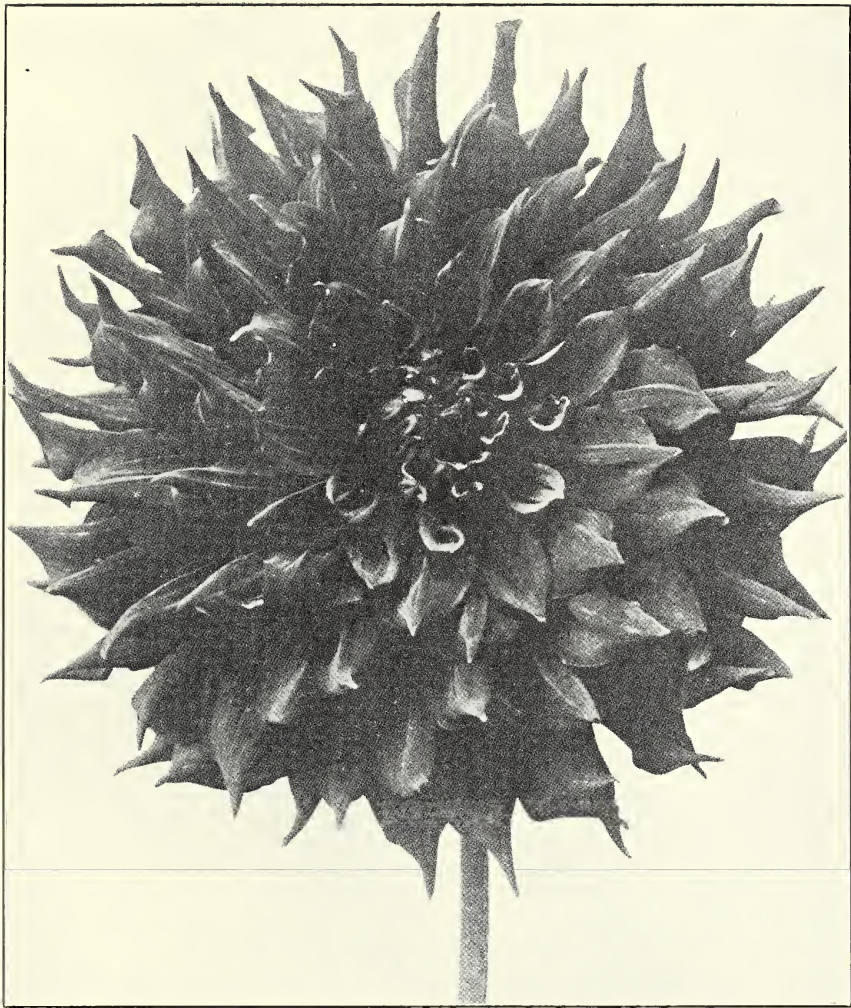
ROSEA ELEGANS (*Decorative*), Holland Tubers, \$2.00  
This is another medium-sized Dutch variety which by its form and free blooming qualities is deserving a place among the larger novelties. Its lovely pink color is similar to the old favorite, Delice, which we are now discarding, as Rosea Elegans is far more satisfactory.

SALMONEA (*Decorative*), Holland Tubers, \$2.00  
Clear salmon color with deeper shadings at base. A beautiful flower of good size and form, which will give satisfaction wherever grown.

SHEILA WARD (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$5.00  
Another English giant that we cannot recommend too highly. One of the largest, as well as one of the most beautiful. Flower clear primrose yellow, with every petal heavily tipped pure white. Form, stem and habit are all of the best. Stock limited.

Our stock of new importations this year is fully as good as previous years, and we will have many fine novelties to offer next year.

WATCH FOR THEM!



Mabel Lawrence



Nagels Roem

## General List

- ADLER** (*Decorative*), Ansorte Tubers, \$1.50  
 Pure, snow-white flowers averaging 6 inches or more in diameter, held stiffly erect on long stems well above a low, stocky, vigorous bush. The perfect decorative form is distinguished by peculiar crinkly petals, giving a most unusual effect.
- ALEX. WALDIE** (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$ .75  
 This beautiful dahlia opens pure creamy yellow, as the outer petals develop, they gradually become overcast with a faint tinge of pink. Large, good bloomer, held well above the foliage on fine stiff stems.
- ALICE WHITTIER** (*Cactus*), Success Tubers, \$5.00  
 Very fine giant blooms of clear light yellow, with faint greenish tints deepening at the center. A remarkable variety which has achieved amazing popularity wherever grown.
- ALTESSE** (*Decorative*), Boston Tubers, \$2.50  
 A large and gracefully formed decorative of a deep golden yellow, the outer petals overlaid with a reddish sunset glow. We have never seen a more effective mass of color than the first fifteen flowers which appeared on three plants of this variety, all in bloom at one time. A low stocky bush, with every flower held stiffly upright on top of a perfect stem.
- AMBASSADOR** (*Cactus*), Broomall Tubers, \$1.00  
 A sensation. Has won prizes wherever exhibited since its introduction in 1921. Color, soft yellow center with salmon, amber and pink shadings deepening gradually toward the tips and outer petals. The heaviest cactus dahlia we know, carried well on good stems, on a rather low, spreading bush.
- AMBER GLOW** (*Cactus*), Boston Tubers, \$1.00  
 A cactus of true English type, petals long, narrow and straight. Size immense, color bright yellow, deepening to pale orange at center.
- AVALON** (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$1.00  
 Pure yellow, the well rounded flowers, always full to the center, are of the largest size, and produced freely on long strong stems. Claimed by the originator to be the best yellow decorative for cutting.
- AZUSA** (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$2.50  
 One of the finest novelties in our garden last summer. Flowers of the largest size, pure delicate pink shading to blush center perfectly formed and carried stiffly erect on long straight stems.
- BALLET GIRL** (*Cactus*), Boston Tubers, \$ .75  
 A cactus of true English type, with blooms in a bewildering variety of colors. Some flowers are orange with white tips, some all orange, some red with white tips, some nearly all red, and some red and orange.
- BARBARA REDFERN** (*Decorative*), Redfern Tubers, \$7.50  
 Mr. Redfern's initial introduction is of such high quality that we have reason to hope for many more good novelties from the same source. This variety is a true giant, of a deep shade of old gold with rose shadings. Flower has depth and substance as well as size, making it a real addition to our list.

- BELVIDERE** (*Decorative*), Smith Tubers, \$2.00  
An unusual form, the very dark maroon petals having the appearance of being broadest at the tips. Good sized flowers are carried gracefully on long strong stems.
- BOHEMIA** (*Hybrid Decorative*) Tubers, \$ .50  
A glowing crimson dahlia of medium size, averaging four to five inches across if disbudded. We believe this to be the best selling red commercial variety in the New York market at the present time. For keeping qualities, it has OUTLASTED ANY OTHER VARIETY GROWN, in open competition at the A. D. S. Show in New York, September, 1923.
- CALIFORNIA BEAUTY** (*Hybrid Cactus*), Broomall Tubers, \$ .60  
The color, generally described as pure copper, is the final touch needed to make this medium-sized dahlia an IDEAL CUT FLOWER. The blooms, resembling Golden West in form, are produced in great profusion on stiff wiry stems, and are remarkably fine keepers, when cut. We can recommend this as one of the most satisfactory dahlias grown.
- CAPRICE** (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$1.50  
Although a true cactus, the petals are flat rather than tubular, curled and twisted in perfect form. The color, although described as crimson, seems to us rather a dark brick-red. The hybrid strain, which is evidenced in the flat petals, is no doubt also responsible for the stems, which are fully as good as the average decorative variety.
- CHARM** (*Decorative*), Marean Tubers, \$ .75  
One of the finest of the famous Marean varieties. Although not new, a vase of this variety at the New York Show last September attracted fully as much attention as any new variety offered. Perfect decorative form, carried gracefully poised on good stiff stems, the rich color of foliage and stems setting off the burnt-orange blooms most effectively.
- CORONIA** (*Cactus*) Tubers, \$ .75  
True type of English cactus, with large flowers of clear light yellow.
- COUNTESS OF LONSDALE** (*Hybrid Cactus*) Tubers, \$ .50  
Beautifully formed medium-sized flowers of old rose, shaded salmon, produced freely on low growing stocky bushes. Probably the oldest hybrid cactus variety on the market, but still highly desirable both for garden and cutting.
- DADDY BUTLER** (*Hybrid Cactus*), Boston Tubers, \$1.00  
Very fine free-blooming variety of a rich deep rose color, with the reverse of petals showing blush pink. Large flowers of great depth carried well on good stems.
- DORIS TRAYLER** (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$2.00  
A very beautiful flower, the petals, both broad and long, curling back until they almost form a complete ball. Size good, and color one of the darkest reds grown, described as a deep blackish maroon. Stems and foliage are all that could be desired.
- EARLE WILLIAMS** (*Decorative*), Doolittle Tubers, \$1.00  
We have found this variety practically identical with Nobilis, and therefore do not list them separately. Stock of both has shown flowers varying from nearly all white through the usual red and white variegations to show some blossoms entirely red. Bush vigorous, and entirely satisfactory.
- EASTERN STAR** (*Decorative*), Dahliadel Tubers, \$3.00  
A remarkably fine vigorous variety with the large perfect flowers of deep golden yellow contrasting with the healthy dark green foliage to produce a plant of remarkable beauty.

- EDNA FERBER (*Hybrid Cactus*), F. & M. Tubers, \$7.50  
 Another novelty we cannot praise too highly. Color may be described as a clear shade of salmon-orange; flowers were large, beautifully formed, and borne in profusion during entire season. One of the best.
- ELDORADO (*Decorative*), Boston Tubers, \$2.00  
 One of the largest deep golden yellow dahlias, of perfect decorative type, set facing on stiff stems, raising well above a low spreading bush. A flower that must be seen to be fully appreciated. Fine for exhibition, garden or cutting.
- ELITE GLORY (*Decorative*), Kennedy Tubers, \$5.00  
 In describing this dahlia, comparisons are impossible. We can only say that this is the forerunner of an entirely new race of dahlias. The perfectly formed flowers of a bright blood-red, have been grown to a diameter of over sixteen inches. The entire bush is as sturdy as an oak tree. The branches may break, but never bend.
- ELKRIDGE (*Hybrid Cactus*) Tubers, \$5.00  
 Beautiful pure white flower of well-formed waxy petals, of good size and held erect on first-class stems.
- ELLINOR VANDERVEER (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$3.00  
 Without doubt, this is the finest variety introduced in 1925. Similar in type to I. der ver Warner, this new variety is even larger, and a beautiful shade of true light pink. Clean vigorous plants of erect habit, holding flowers high on perfect stems. A sensation wherever grown.
- EMIL PANUSKI (*Show*) Tubers, \$ .50  
 This variety, now offered to the public for the first time, resembles in color the old decorative "Le Grand Manitou," being striped maroon on light lavender ground occasionally sporting to a solid maroon flower. The form, however, is a perfect show of the largest size growing on vigorous bushes which carry the blooms on stiff stems well above the foliage. As we have a considerable stock of this variety, and are somewhat crowded for space, we are offering it at a price intended simply to make friends and regardless of its actual value. (This variety sells in the New York cut-flower market at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per dozen WHOLESALE.)
- F. W. FELLOWS (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$ .60  
 One of the finest English cactus dahlias yet produced. Large size, perfect form, and color clear deep orange. Equally good for both exhibition and garden.
- FLORA TRESEDER (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$1.00  
 Pure, light yellow cactus of good form and size, with flat petals, slightly incurved.
- FORT WASHINGTON (*Decorative*), Rindfleisch Tubers, \$5.00  
 One of the giants popular as a winner of prizes for the largest flower in the show. The tremendous flowers of deep maroon-red are carried on one of the tallest plants among Dahlias, and should be well staked for best effect.
- GEORGE W. GERO (*Show*) Tubers, \$ .50  
 One of the newer show varieties, whose color, we believe, the finest clear rose pink yet produced in a show dahlia.
- GOLDEN EMBLEM (*Hybrid*), White Tubers, \$4.00  
 A most unusual dahlia, which we hesitate to classify. Although it is not a true decorative, it is surely not any other ordinary type, hence we are forced to compromise by calling it hybrid. We agree with the originator's description as follows: clear golden yellow, without trace of any other color. The huge flowers, 9 to 10 inches across, are of the most artistic and refined form imaginable, with high centers and long wavy recurving petals. Blooms are erect on long wiry stems, far above the foliage.

- GOLDEN FLEECE (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$6.00  
 One of the finest and scarcest of 1926 introductions. Described by the introducer as: a magnificent blossom of a rich creamy golden yellow with a satiny sheen, frequently tipped with white, showing a suggestion of pink in the veining on the reverse side of the petals. One of the fullest and heaviest of blooms, of an unusually beautiful formation. The stem is extremely long and strong holding the flower high above a medium tall bush.
- GOLDEN QUEEN (*Hybrid Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$2.00  
 Beautifully formed flowers of pure golden yellow, carried facing, but stiffly erect on long, wiry stems. Early blooms are large—from 7 to 8 inches across, but are produced so freely as to require severe disbudding. If properly disbudded, the blooms continue large to the end of the season.
- GRIZZLY, THE (*Decorative*), Burns Tubers, \$1.00  
 One of the deepest maroon reds grown, appearing almost black. Extra large flowers with loose reflexed petals carried erect on long stems.
- HARRY SHELDON, JR. (*Decorative*), Murphy Tubers, \$2.50  
 The largest and finest pink and white dahlia ever offered. Has been claimed to grow 12 inches across. Although a wonderful flower, it is a bit too heavy for its stem.
- HORTULANUS FIET (*Decorative*), Hornsveld Tubers, \$ .75  
 Generally considered the standard of comparison for perfection of form in the decorative class. Extra large flowers of a delicate shade of shrimp pink carried erect on stiff stems set well above a low spreading bush.
- JERSEY'S BEACON (*Decorative*), Waite Tubers, \$3.00  
 Very large loose-petaled flower of Chinese scarlet with a pale reverse giving an unusual two-tone effect. Very popular.
- JERSEY'S BEAUTY (*Decorative*), Waite Tubers, \$1.50  
 Recognized by all as the finest large pink dahlia in existence. The flowers are not only gorgeous in color, but perfect in form, and borne on long stiff straight stems. A profuse bloomer and a splendid keeper when cut.
- JERSEY'S ROSE (*Decorative*), Waite Tubers, \$1.00  
 Fine free-blooming variety, with large, heavy flowers on good stiff stems. Color, deep cerise.
- JOY (*Decorative*), Boston Tubers, \$7.50  
 One of Bessie Boston's newest favorites. Type and habit similar to Shudow's Lavender, but color is deeper and spread evenly over entire flower. Blooms carried directly on top of good stems.
- KARMA (*Decorative*), Spencer Tubers, \$2.50  
 A delightful color described as a delicate ethereal pink. The broad spreading bushes produce many good sized blooms carried gracefully on strong wiry stems.
- KING TUT (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$3.50  
 Another fine new dahlia. Color described as rich dark velvety glowing crimson burgundy. The large, well formed flowers are carried gracefully, yet stiffly erect, on extra long stems.
- LESLIE HANCOCK (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$2.00  
 The really huge flowers, 7 to 8 inches across, and of great depth, are loosely curled, giving an informal effect without coarseness. The stems are hard and upright and carry the blooms perfectly rigid. Color, deep glowing crimson.





Golden Fleere



Golden Emblem

- LUCKY STRIKE (*Hybrid Cactus*), Pelicano Tubers, \$4.00  
 Large pure white flowers are held up well on long stiff stems, and produced freely. Bush is tall, and spreading branches lean far in all directions.
- LYNDORA (*Decorative*) Tubers, \$5.00  
 Nicely formed flowers of light yellow with a suffusion of Amaranth pink on the reverse of petals, freely produced on robust bushes.
- MAID MARIAN (*Hybrid Cactus*), Mastick Tubers, \$7.50  
 A large flower of a lovely shade of clear rose pink, fading to white at base of petals. Petals curled and twisted in a most unusual and attractive manner. Plants and foliage vigorous, with good stems holding up the flowers gracefully.
- MAMMOTH (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$1.50  
 The largest English cactus we have seen. Well named, for it truly is a mammoth, comparing well in size with the giant decoratives. Stems good, form perfect, color, deep purplish crimson, with the tips showing a lighter reflex.
- MANDALAY (*Hybrid Cactus*), Jost Tubers \$ .75  
 Extremely free-flowing variety, producing an abundance of "butterfly like flowers of tawny gold, shading to amber at the center with bronze reflex." This flower reminds us irresistibly of the blazing sun on the Japanese Imperial flag.
- MARIPOSA (*Hybrid Cactus*), Boston Tubers, \$1.00  
 One of the most beautiful dahlias of recent introduction. A beautifully formed flower of long petals so twisted and curled as to baffle a photographer. Color varies in different localities from a clear light pink to pinkish lavender. Remarkably free bloomer, carrying perfectly double flowers on stiff three-foot stems right up to the end of the season.
- MARMION (*Decorative*), Mastick Tubers, \$7.50  
 We had heard many fine reports of this variety, but when we saw it growing, it surpassed all that had been said about it. Flowers of great size, carried on long, cane-like stems. Color, rich golden yellow with deeper bronze shadings toward the tips and on the opening center petals. Formation is of the finest, and flowers keep well, either on the bush or in water.
- MENNY CARLEE (*Decorative*), Holland Tubers, \$1.00  
 Pure white decorative of good form, carried on good stems. Medium size, good for cutting.
- MEVROUW DIX (*Decorative*), Kroon Tubers, \$1.00  
 One of the finest cut flowers in our entire list. Best described as resembling Jersey Beauty in form and stiffly erect habit. Size is slightly smaller, and color shades to a decided salmon-pink. Good bloomer and good keeper. A real gem.
- MR. CROWLFY (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$1.00  
 Beautifully formed flower of a deep rich shade of clear salmon, with a pure yellow center. The crown bud sets deep among the foliage, on short stems, but the lateral buds produce good stems, always stiffly erect.
- MR. H. C. DRESSELHUYS (*Decorative*) Tubers, \$ .50  
 This variety is one of the best recent Holland introductions, which will certainly displace the old favorite "Delice," being a slightly richer shade of clear pink, larger, better bloomer, and carried on better stems.
- MRS. CHARLES CHASE (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$1.00  
 A very beautiful medium sized flower of true pink. Carried stiffly erect on long slender stems, it is ideal for cutting.

- MRS. E. L. LINDSAY (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$1.00  
 The gorgeous scarlet and gold coloring of the well-known "Geisha," reproduced in an enormous full-centered decorative. Three blooms nine inches across were cut at one time from the same bush. Stems long and stiff. Keep well when cut.
- MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN (*Decorative*), Pelicano Tubers \$2.50  
 One of the most perfectly formed dahlias we have ever been privileged to see. Good size, good stems, on clean vigorous plants. Most unusual color, generally described as mulberry, fading in cooler weather to show peculiar bluish tints.
- MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (*Decorative*), Marean Tubers, \$ .75  
 Color, deep mauve pink, or rosy lavender. Large perfect flowers borne freely on stout stems. One of the best of the famous "Marean" dahlias.
- MRS. MUSANTE (*Decorative*), Pelicano Tubers, \$3.50  
 A large loose petaled flower which opens to a perfect ball-shape, similar to the giant Chrysanthemums. Color, clear rosy mauve, good keeper and fine for exhibition.
- MORDELLA (*Decorative*) Tubers, \$2.50  
 One of the outstanding recent New Jersey offerings, being a perfect 9-inch flower held well above the foliage on long graceful stems. Vigorous, profuse bloomer. Color, remarkably glowing shade of clear apricot-buff.
- NATURE'S MASTERPIECE (*Decorative*), White Tubers, \$8.00  
 The color of this new Oregon creation is difficult to describe. It reminds us somewhat of Mrs. Eleanor Martin, being similarly shaded in the brownish red tints sometimes called plum, or mulberry, but showing only the reds and browns, and none of the bluish tints sometimes appearing in the older variety. Strong, vigorous habit, carrying the large well formed flowers stiffly erect and well above the foliage.
- OLIVE REED (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$6.00  
 A truly massive Dahlia, of a clear pure shade of yellow, so fully double that the petals are crowded backward to meet at the stem, forming a golden ball, carried stiffly erect on strong rigid stems.
- PAPILLON (*Hybrid Cactus*), Boston Tubers, \$1.00  
 One of the big new ones which has been grown successfully everywhere and has been in many prize-winning collections. Color, a beautiful deep shade of old rose with golden lights. An incessant bloomer carried gracefully erect on long strong branches.
- PHYLLIS TUCKER (*Hybrid Cactus*), Boston Tubers, \$7.50  
 Another of Bessie Boston's "Real Pinks." Although the color is very delicate and fades almost to white at the center, there is no hint of blue or yellow,—truly real pink. The remarkable feature of this new variety that appealed to us was its exceptionally fine stems. Although having no suggestion of heaviness, the long slender graceful stems are as stiffly upright as bamboo canes, which assures this variety a long and useful life.

- PIERROT (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$ .75  
Graceful flower of long tubular incurved petals of a deep amber color, usually showing white tips.
- PRIMULA REX (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$7.50  
This is one of the few Dahlias that we are glad to describe in the exact words of the originator, for it is all that he claims, and more. It is very light cream or primrose color—one of the BEST DECORATIVE DAHLIAS IN EXISTENCE. The flowers are immense with every good quality, far ahead of anything in its class and color.
- RAYONANTHE (*Decorative*) Tubers, \$1.00  
A first-class flower of clear butter-yellow. One of the first to bloom, and blooming until frost. Good size, 5 to 6 inches, good stems, and good keeper when cut. Very satisfactory.
- ROLLO BOY (*Hybrid Cactus*), Pelicano Tubers, \$2.50  
A most graceful and artistic flower of golden yellow with amber shadings. Good sized flower, carried well on strong but graceful stems.
- ROSA NELL (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$ .75  
Claimed by the introducer to be the greatest of all decorative dahlias. Color, clear bright rose, flowers are large and well formed. Stem is excellent and blooms most freely.
- SAGAMORE (*Decorative*), Badetty Tubers, \$2.00  
A first-class vigorous bush, producing quantities of huge perfectly formed deep golden yellow blooms. Stems and keeping qualities combine to make this one of the best cut-flower varieties now grown.
- SANHICAN GEM (*Decorative*), Fisher & Masson Tubers, \$2.50  
One of the best varieties ever introduced by F & M. The color is a beautiful clear shade, but hard to describe. It can best be imagined as a pinkish amber or a yellowish salmon. Tall vigorous bushes produce a fair quantity of perfectly formed flowers, 8 to 9 inches across.
- SANHICAN GEM (*Decorative*), Fisher & Masson Tubers, \$1.00  
Another fine dahlia from the same grower. Color, a deep shade of "Pigeon's Blood," the large full flowers are held absolutely rigid on perfect stems.
- SANTA ANNA (*Decorative*), Pelicano Tubers, \$4.00  
Although this variety had a late start in our garden last season, and did not produce its first flower until just in time for the New York Show, we felt fully repaid for our wait, as it was one of the most beautiful flowers in our entire garden. Color described as salmon-rose suffused with gold, but must be seen to be appreciated. Classed as Hybrid Cactus by the originator, it showed only slight traces of cactus with us, the petals being so broad and the flower so well filled that we had to class it as decorative.
- SHEPHERDESS (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$1.00  
Another good pure white of medium size. A cool weather flower, produced good blooms late in the season when many other varieties had stopped.
- SIGNAL (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers \$1.00  
A brilliant color, pure orange-scarlet throughout. The stiff spiked petals form a perfect flower borne freely and carried well on good stems.

- SILVERADO (*Cactus*), Seal Tubers, \$7.50  
 A real triumph of size, form and coloring. The tremendous flowers of a most perfect flat petaled cactus type, shade gradually from white at the tips of the petals to a distinct delicate silvery lavender. Plant, foliage and stems were all equally fine. Everyone who saw this wanted it.
- SISKIYOU (*Hybrid Cactus*), Broomall Tubers, \$2.00  
 One of the largest dahlias grown, held perfectly erect on strong stems. Color, purplish mauve, blended toward the center with cream and pink.
- SUP'T AMRHYN (*Show*) Tubers, \$1.00  
 The best of many recent offerings in its color. Rich lavender pink, carried freely on good stems. A real good show dahlia.
- SWEET BRIER (*Cactus*) Tubers, \$ .50  
 Delightful shades of clear pink, without shade or blemish. Fine form with long petals, slightly incurved.
- T. A. LEONARD (*Decorative*), Boston Tubers \$1.00  
 An attractive variety of a deep carmine rose. One of the most persistent bloomers we have, producing quantities of flowers from July to November. The large flowers with their unusual formation never fail to win attention.
- WAPITI (*Hybrid Cactus*), Boston Tubers, \$2.50  
 This dahlia proved an agreeable surprise to us. The first flowers met with accidents, and bloomed very unpretentiously. Later flowers, however, fully made up for the earlier shortcomings, being over 8 inches across, perfectly formed, and a most delightful shade of glowing rosy pink. The bushes are of an unusually spreading habit, but although the branches leaned far and wide in all directions, the flowers never drooped.
- WELTFRIEDEN (*Hybrid Cactus*) Tubers, \$ .75  
 One of the newer European introductions. A white hybrid cactus of exquisite form and mediun size ideal for a white cut-flower variety.
- WINFIELD SLOCOMBE (*Decorative*), Slocombe Tubers, \$1.00  
 The most beautiful clear orange-colored dahlia to date, constant bloomer, and one of the few dahlias in which it is hard to pick any fault.
- ZEUS (*Decorative*), Peacock Tubers, \$2.50  
 This is a really gorgeous dahlia, which can best be described by comparison with the well-known Mephistopheles. Although similar in form, it it a much fuller flower; although tipped with yellow, the rest of the flower is a pure deep scarlet. And finally, it affords a contrast, as it is a vigorous, quick-growing, free-blooming variety, which last was never claimed for Mephistopheles, even by its best friends.

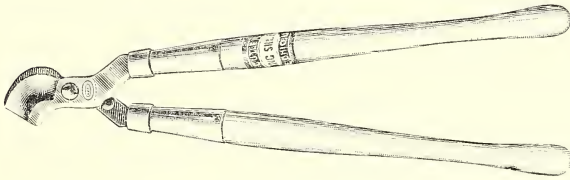
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